WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUES TION

Increase in air fares in selected sectors

*545. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten_ tion has been drawn to the Indian Airlines Chairman's interview reported in the Pioneer of 13th April, 1994 about the increase in fares in selec. ted sectors;

(b) if so, what are the areas and specific stations where the fares are being increased and from what date, alongwith the names of other stations and the fare structure:

(c) whether the Indian Airlines have interline arrangements with scheduled airlines in India and ATOs and if so, what are the terms and conditions; if not, the reasons there. for; and

(d) the precise losses suffered by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during the last three years and what is the position now, alongwith the fleet?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No decision has yet been taken on increasing the fares.

(c) Indian Airlines has arrangement with Air India and Vayudoot by which transportation documents of Indian Airlines are accepted by the other two partners. Indian Airlines has no interline arrangement with Air Taxi Operators as Indian Airlines does not see any benefit from it.

(d) The loss siuffered by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during the last three years is as under: —

Rs. in Crores

Year	I.A.	Vayudoot
1991-92 . . .	198.85	30.59
1992-93 . . .	195.15	24.16
1993-94 . . . (Prov.)	297.80	22.50

Indian Airlines has a fleet of 10 Airbus A-300, 25 Airous A-320 and 18 B.737 aircraft.

Vayudoot has 8 Dorniers and 8 Avro aircraft.

Financial Irregularities in Hotel Janpath

*346. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that caseis involving serious misconduct and financial irregularities of several lakh rupees by a number of Hotel Janpath employees have been reported by several agencies /individuals to the ITDC Management|Grovernment dur. ing February, 1990 to Decmber 1993;

(d) the precise losses suffered by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot if any, against each, till date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a particular union in silmost all units |divi. sons of ITDC is getting all support from the management due to the continued corruption prevailing at high level in ITDC Management and if so what is the factual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A case of serious financial irregularities

involving manipulation / misappropria -tion of funds came to the notice of the Management of ITDC in July, 1992. After the preliminary investigations, the Management of ITDC handed over the case to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police. Delhi Police has filed a charge sheet against 14 employees of Hotel Janpath *in* the Court of the Metropolitan Magistrate/ Delhi.

Besides 31 coases of misconduct and financial irregularities of minor nature committed by the employees of Hotel Janpath (during the period February 1990 to December 1993) came to the notice of the Management. Action has been taken in resect of 26 cases, however, in 5 cases proceedings are in progress.

All cases relating to the corruption misconduct are investigated by ITDC in accordance with the laid down pro cedures, without prejudice and fav our.

Increose in non.Plan expenditure in ITDC

»547. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleas-
ed to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the use of chauffeur/drieven cars in ITDC is in violation of Government! BPB instructions and there has been constant increase in non-plan expendifaire in ITDC;

(b) whether Government would direct the ITDC Management to withdraw the use of chauffeur-driven cars which cost to ITDG several Jakhs annually as a measure of economy and would give only the permissible car maintenance allowance to each eligible Head of the Department, etc. as per the recommendations of the High Powered Pay Committee off Govern, ment; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative the reasons and justiflcation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. The use of Chauffeur-idriven cars in ITDC is not violation of the Gov-trnment|BPE instructions on the subject. The percentage of operating expenditure (non-plan) to turnover has also declined over previous years.

(b) The High Powered Pay Com-miftee did not recommend withdrawal of chauffeur-driven cars. However, the Committee has recoi-nmended provisions for payment of conveyance cllowance/transport subsidy to the employees. Aecordingly, ITDC em-ployees maintaining their own cars and entitled (for use of taxi for official joumeys are allowed fixed car allowance.

(e) Does not arise.

Multinational companies pulled out of India

*548. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the mul-tinational companies, including ROCHE, that have pulled out of India during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for such pullout; and

(c) whether some of th«m have decided to come back and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c)Disinvestment of foreign equity is permitted by the Reserve Bank of